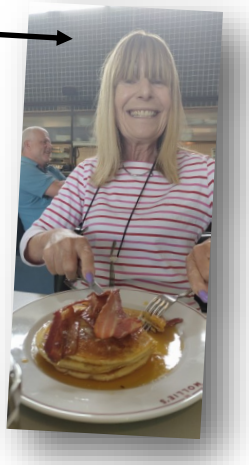
From May 2025

(Volume 190)

Cover Picture

Shindig May 2025

Once again Lynn and I went to Shindig . DP puts an awful lot into producing this really great all-family event and this year it has changed venue to the Cotswolds. The site is on a large estate dominated by a grand house and some shots of the tents and people with this as the background are pretty iconic and may have a message. We drove slowly down from London and enjoyed a great breakfast at Mollie's This American-inspired diner in Farringdon is miles from anywhere and shortly opening in Bristol too. Lynn totally loves a stack of pancakes with maple syrup, so this was like a mirage…



We arrived on site, being checked in with VIP passes and wristbands and crew parking arranged by DP who appeared with his customary hugs. We went back to his mobile festival home which even had an electric bed descending from the roof.

A great surprise was when Sian Evans arrived with her wonderful smiles and hugs. She is a great friend too and reminded us of the fun we had together at her small hotel in Laughran in Wales (Dylan Thomas's previous home) She is looking forward to fronting Kosheen at Cardiff castle in August. She is back on the road with a massive UK tour to celebrate 25 years of music, performing the best tracks spanning her career and we didn't know that with Sian at the helm, Kosheen garnered 5 studio albums and earned themselves the reputation of being one of the most iconic performing bands of their time.

Walking round the large Shindig site we were introduced to many artists, crew and others all setting up their respective areas and looking forward to a fantastic event. We knew many of the faces, having met many over the years, even from our Sass days at Glastonbury.

They are a really warm bunch and it is so obvious that they all think so highly of DP. The following photos show the festival in its early stages and saw the roads becoming busier as more and more families and young people were arriving.

The children's play area was so well thought out and must have delighted all the families.

Everywhere there were weird 'installations' and some very futuristic signwriting.

This is how the The Nautilus stage appears on the internet.

It is officially named the "SS Nautylicious" at Shindig Festival, and is a ship-themed stage known for late-night, theatrical, and musical performances. It's a prominent venue within the Shindig Festival, offering a unique experience alongside other stages like Shimmy Discotheque and Halcyon. The Nautylicious ship is led by Captain Flufeee and crewed by a diverse group of performers including cabaret performers, acrobats, and musicians. The Nautilus stage was almost ready and groups were rehearsing and DP holds his renowned interview sessions there.

At home, Tammy and The Larn celebrated Tambo's 56th Birthday in style..eating oysters at Whitby and sending fabulous photos of their fun few days away.

Larnie is still busy and apparently even while she was away she sat on a swing in a children's playground working on her laptop……*dedicated or what.*

We so enjoy seeing and hearing from our family and as soon as we returned home we met friends again for the 5K Park run where Lynn has now done 73 runs and I have only done 59 'walks' (always at least 10 minutes behind Lynn

However we enjoy it and seem to be making new friends there every week so it is becoming like a social meeting point. We just heard from Adam Bruckstein and Michelle his girlfriend that they hope to stay with us at the end of this year so that will also be great. Another family gathering hopefully..

Our ‘girls’ at sunny Whitby, enjoying sun , sea and shellfish!!

Despite the last year's Shindig being sadly advertised as the 'last ever Shindig' DP managed to achieve a rescue package and we were so happy to join it at its new home in The Cotswolds

22nd~25th MAY
Shindig
FESTIVAL
CHARLTON PARK, WILTSHIRE

Bell Tents

Bell tents can sleep 2-6 people and will be furnished with a table and solar lights

22nd~25th MAY
Shindig
FESTIVAL
CHARLTON PARK, WILTSHIRE

Yurts

A range of beautiful furnished wooden frame yurts, sleeping from 2 to 3 people.

TRUST
Shindig
FESTIVAL
THE ONLY PARTY THAT WON'T LET YOU DOWN

MOJO'S BAR
CHARLTON PARK
WILTSHIRE
CREW & ARTIST VIP AREA
22-25 MAY
BANK HOLIDAY
AGENT K-A AKA ó BERTIE ARCADIA
DARIUS AHASHIC ó GAFFATAK
GLOBAL FUNK FAM ó JACKIE MURDER
JASON KAYE ó JAYCEE ó JDL
JOHN LUKE ó LADY GRACE
MARK ARCHER & SHAUN C ó MONOBROW
MR GROW AND SWANKOUT
(HISTORY OF RAVE MEGA MIX)
RED I ó RIDDDLE TAKEOVER
SCARLETT & FRIENDS ó SEFTO
SURPRISE GUEST ó STEVE BEDLAM
WEEKEND & DAY TICKETS
LOVE IS THE ANSWER
Shindig FESTIVAL
www.shindigfestival.co.uk

NO SHINDIG TRAFFIC
UNLEASHED

DP is well established in his mobile home on site

So great to meet Sian Evans again. She is a bundle of fun and we get on so well with her

Airtstreams

Everything you need for a five star boutique camping experience. Sizes sleep from 2 to 5 people.

The following pictures are before the crowds arrived and are from various areas around the large site

The whole festival opened to the public on Thursday mid-day and people started arriving joining the crew of security, litter pickers and artists. The medical tents, kids play areas, yurts, bell tents etc were all manned. The Airstream caravans, stall and kiosk holders plus a myriad of crew backstage were all busy welcoming the people streaming in . Cleaning, showers and WC facilities were all ready. We had no concept of the background logistics that are required to put on a big event like this and were very proud of how DP ('Fluffy' as he's known) conducted himself and organized such a massive undertaking

HAPPY
MAKI

OYSTERS
BLOODYMARYS

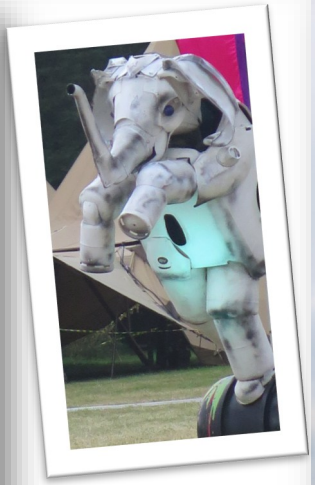
GENERA L WASTE

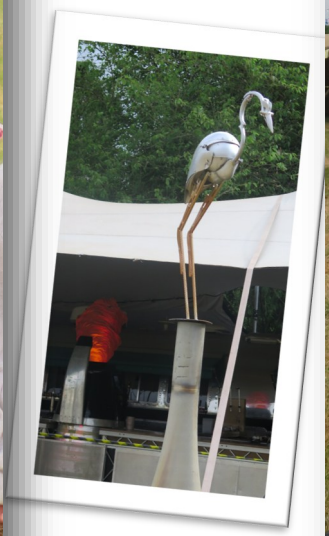
OYSTERS

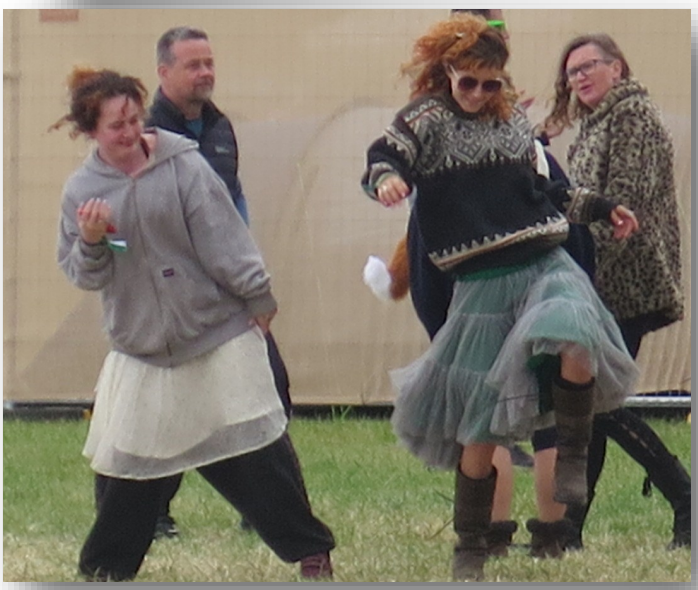
RESISTANCE

FOR PEACE

PLANT
Bashing
£10
TOTE BAGS







NIES
TAIL FITTING SERVICE

MOJO'S BAR

LOVE IS THE ANSWER

…”and remind me what was the question?? “
LOVE IS THE ANSWER
COFFEE

VIBE
BAR

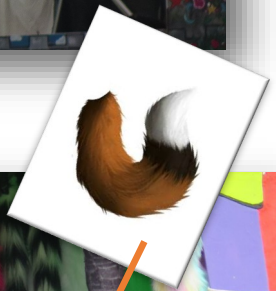
SHINTIQU

WHERE TO
WHERE TO
WHERE TO
WHERE TO
WHERE TO
WHERE TO

The Playground

TAIL FITTING SERVICE
because your derriere is Worth it!
SIMPLY BUCKLE IN...AND GET YOUR

TellTails



Le Petit Pearl
2 Oysters &
a Bloody Mary
Or/ White Wine
£15
Oysters
£3.50 each
Bloody Mary
£10
Org. White Wine
£15

First aid

First Aid

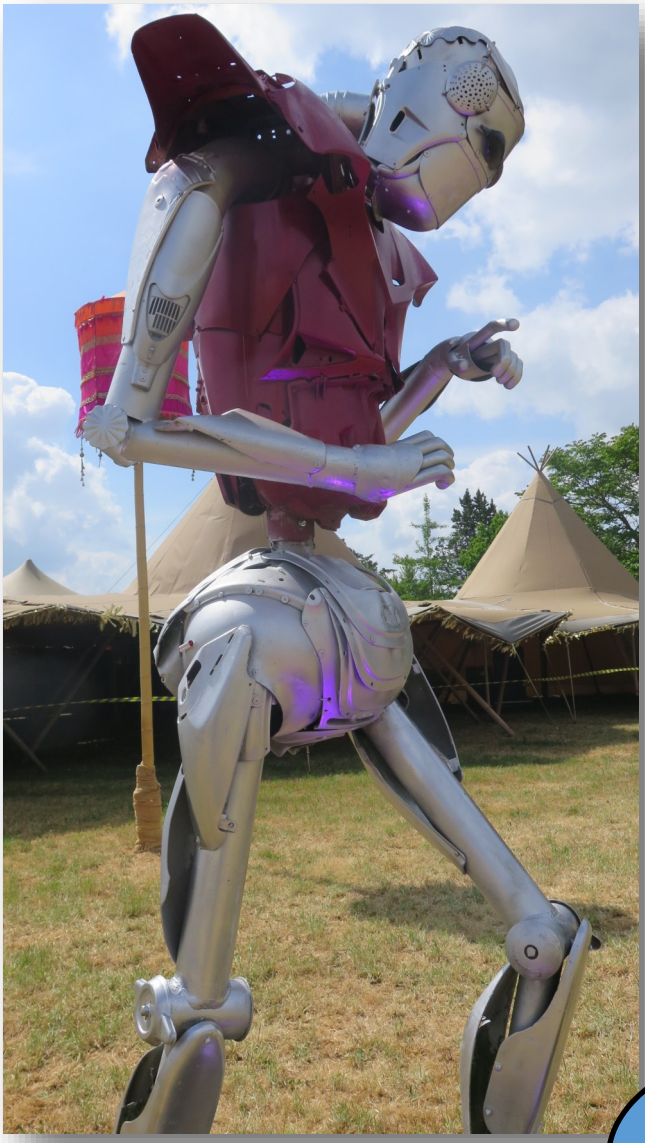
LOST
Kids

Photo History

HELLO
CREATE

DO NOT CLIMB

Let him in...he's got his wristband on!



We couldn't per-
suade Lynn to
'have a go!'

Kids Too

All around the main festival area

...ok...we'll come clean. We didn't spend the night in a yurt, or bell tent...or even a luxurious Airstream.

Yes, we chickened out and stayed in a local pub, The Horse & Groom . Our only excuse is we are old and really enjoy a soft bed and good nights sleep. However, we so enjoyed Shindig and met some fantastic folk with DP being the perfect host.